



IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 21, 27, 31 and 37 as follows:

--21(twice amended). An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information apparatus; and

a data store for storing first data,

C1 wherein said processor selectively uses said first data stored in said data store or second data stored in another data store according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus, said other data store being removably connected to said information processing apparatus;

whereby said other data store comprises a file allocation table block operable to store header information, a startup image display program storage block operable to act as a read only memory, and a data block operable to store data generated by said information processing apparatus.

27(twice amended). An information processing apparatus comprising:

C2 a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information apparatus; and

a communication unit for data communication with a plurality of data stores for storing data, at least one of said data stores being removably connected to said information processing apparatus,

wherein said processor selectively uses said data stored in said plurality of data stores according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus;

C2 whereby said at least one of said data stores comprises a file allocation table block operable to store header information, a startup image display program storage block operable to act as a read only memory, and a data block operable to store data generated by said information processing apparatus.

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31(twice amended). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;

C3 selecting data from first data stored in a data store of said information processing apparatus and a second data stored in another data store according to said booting program, said other data store being removably connected to said information processing apparatus; and

starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data;

whereby said other data store comprises a file allocation table block operable to store header information, a startup image display program storage block operable to act as a read only memory, and a data block operable to store data generated by said information processing apparatus.

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C4 37(twice amended). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;

establishing data communication with a plurality of data stores for storing data;